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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF OTHER INJURED LT. AS ATTACHE

REF: (A) USDAO MSG UNCLAS 191 DTG 091830Z JUL 75

B. USCINCSO MSG DTG 092215Z JUL 75

C. USDAO MSG UNCLAS 211 DTG R 312100Z JUL 75

1. THE REFERENCED MESSAGES DISCUSS POSSIBLE MEANS OF PROVIDING MEDICAL ATTENTION TO BOLIVIAN ARMY LT. ALAN SARACHO CANIDO, INCLUDING HOSPITALIZATION AT GORAS AND APPOINTMENT OF SARACHO AS ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON SO THAT HE COULD AVAIL HIMSELF OF FREE FACILITIES AT WALTER REED. ON AUGUST 4, THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ARMY COMMANDER ALCOREZA REQUESTING APPORVAL FOR SARACHO TO ENTER WALTER REED FOR SURGERY,

2. THE USDAO HAS ALREADY EXPLAINED TO SARACHO THAT HE HAS BEEN ACCPETED AT GORGAS. THE USDAO HAS ALSO TOLD BOLIVIAN ARMY CHIEF OF G-2 THAT USG HAS GIVEN EMBASSY CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS TO ADVISE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES THAT MILITARY ATTACHE NOMINATIONS TO WASHINGTON SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT SUCH OFFICERS WILL NOT BE ACCREDITIED.

E. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENTAL DECISION ON WHAT APPEAR TO BE THREE OPTIONS:

A. APPROVE NOMINATION OF SARACHO AS ASSISTANT ARMY
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ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON THEREBY MAKING HIM ELIGIBLE

FOR FREE MEDICAL CARE AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL.

B. REJECT NOMINATION AS ASSISTANT ATTACHE, BUT AGREE
TO MAKE FACILITIES AT WALTER REED AVAILABLE WITH THE
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BOLIVIANS PAY THE BILL.

C. REGRET INABILITY TO APPROVE EITHER OF THE ABOVE AT
THIS TIME, NOTING ACCEPTANCE BY GORGAS AND
ENCOURAGING SARACHO TO UNDERGO TREATMENT THERE.

4. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS OPTION C. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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